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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1103, UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL
BIHAC AIRFIELD, YUGOSLAVIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION ON KH PHOTOGRAPHY OF
UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL IN YUGOSLAVIA.
2. LOCATION: 4.5 NM WNW OF BIHAC, ADJACENT TO THE PLJESEVICA
MOUNTAINS, AND 58 NM SW OF ZAGREB.
3. REMARKS: CONSTRUCTION AT BIHAC AIRFIELD HAS BEEN IN
PROGRESS PROBABLY SINCE 1959. THE AIRFIELD
HAS BEEN OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS BY WESTERN MILITARY ATTACHES, WHO HAVE
REPORTED SIGHTING CAVE ENTRANCES AND BUILDINGS
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SIDE OF THE PLJESEVICA
MOUNTAINS, AND A TAXIWAY EXTENDING FROM THE
RUNWAY AREA DIRECTLY INTO THE MOUNTAIN. OTHER
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE ALSO REPORTED RUMORS
OF CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIVE UNDERGROUND HANGARS
AND PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT THIS
AIRFIELD.

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4. COLLATERAL:

[REDACTED] HAS MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO

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BIHAC AIRFIELD AND REPORTS THESE CONCLUSIONS:

(1) BASED ON A CONVERSATION WITH A YUGOSLAV
MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY
THAT MIG AIRCRAFT ARE BEING STORED UNDERGROUND
IN YUGOSLAVIA. [REDACTED]

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(2) NATURAL CAVE FORMATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS
REGION AROUND BIHAC COULD RATHER EASILY BE MADE
TO ACCOMMODATE A LARGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, AND
THESE UNDERGROUND HANGARS WOULD BE PROTECTED BY
ALMOST 5,000 FEET OF MOUNTAIN. [REDACTED]

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(3) ROVING SECURITY PATROLS OPERATE IN THE
MOUNTAINS NEAR THE AIRFIELD, A SECURITY PRACTICE
NOT GENERALLY FOLLOWED AT OTHER AIRFIELDS. THE
EXTREME SECURITY MEASURES TOGETHER WITH THE SIZE
OF THE AIRFIELD AND LONG PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION,
CONFIRM THE IMPORTANCE TO THE YUGOSLAV AIR FORCE
OF THIS FACILITY. [REDACTED]

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE, BUT TWO OF THE FIVE CAVE ENTRANCES WERE
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED]
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: WIDTHS OF CAVE ENTRANCES, READING FROM NORTH TO
SOUTH: [REDACTED]
9. MISSION READOUT: CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] REVEALS 4.5 NM WNW
OF BIHAC. AN 8,230 X 140 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE PROBABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY
WITH TWO ALERT APRONS, AND AN 8,200 X 70 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE PROBABLE
CONCRETE RUNWAY. BOTH RUNWAYS ARE CONNECTED TO AN UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT
DISPERSAL AREA CONSISTING OF FOUR CAVE ENTRANCES BY THREE TAXIWAYS/RUNWAYS,
MEASURING 7,140 X 75 FT, 8,700 X 70 FT, AND 5,340 X 70 FT. AN ADDITIONAL
CAVE ENTRANCE IS LOCATED 2 NM SOUTH OF THE LONGEST RUNWAY, AND IS CONNECTED
BY ROAD TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TAXIWAY/RUNWAY. A POSSIBLE AIR-WARNING RADAR
FACILITY (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) IS LOCATED 3.1 NM SSW OF THE CENTER OF THE
LONGEST RUNWAY. NO LARGE SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE OBSERVED. THE AIRFIELD

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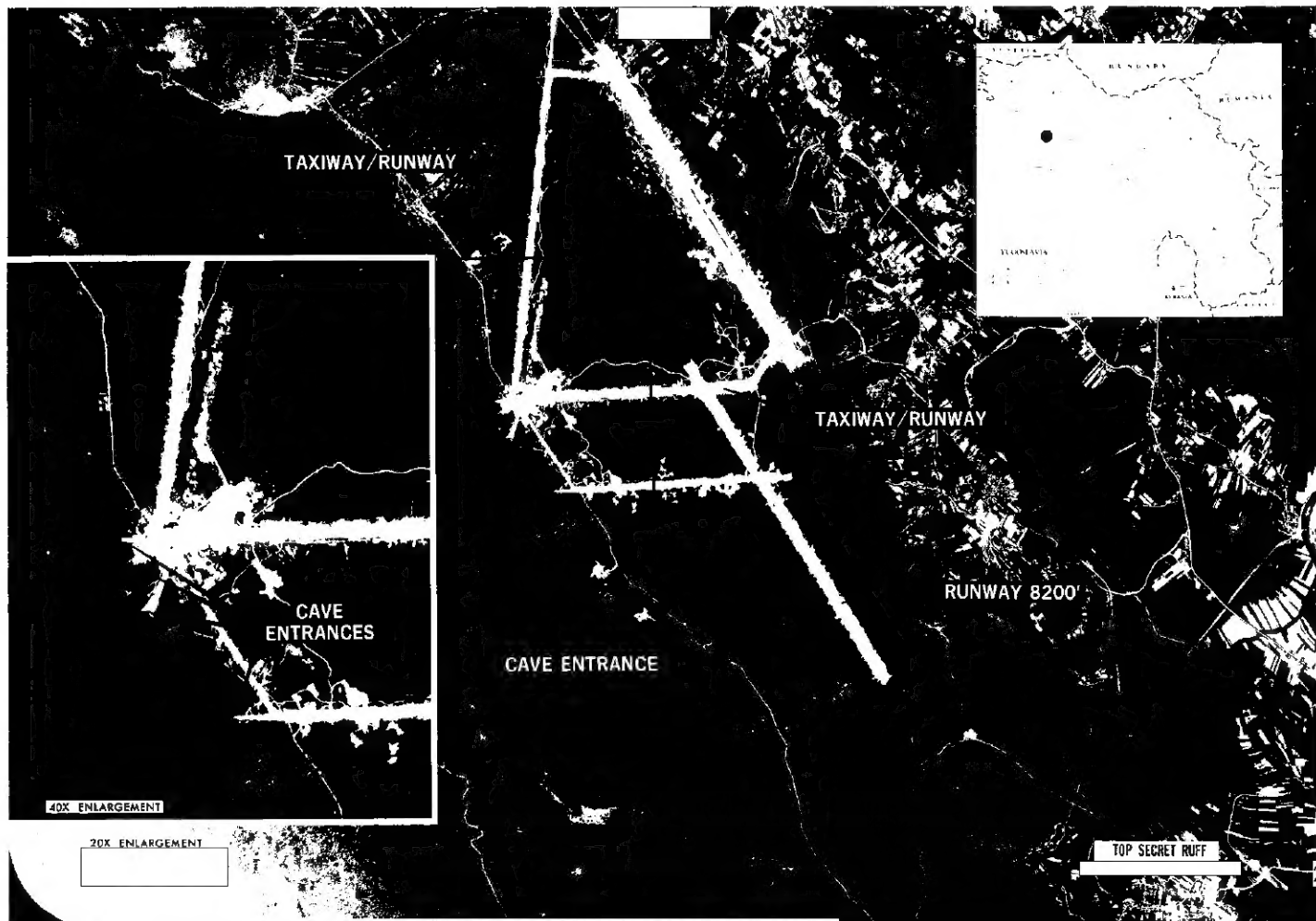
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